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Bubblegum Records is a DIY record label, based in Glasgow. It was set up in March 2009 by the current cantankerous, egomaniac owner (CEO), Mr Smiles. Interviewed at the launch of the label, Mr Smiles gushed *"I feel like I have just given birth to the most beautiful child in the world. It's perfect. It's a dream come true"*.

The great and the good of the Glasgow music scene have flocked to be seen to be involved in Bubblegum Records; Clare Grogan from pop stalwarts Altered Images was spotted chewing Bubblegum on the 135 to Shoreditch. Tory MP Michael Cranforth, described Clare Grogan as irresponsible, stating *"Clare Grogan is a role model for young people. Her involvement in this insidious brainwashing campaign of the UKs children is morally irreprehensible - neither pop nor bubblegum reflect traditional family values."*

As a consequence of the furore in the media, Bubblegum Records was splashed across every newspaper and the 5.18pm tv news bulletin (terrestrial only). Subsequently, Bubblegum Records became the target of a hostile takeover bid by K-tel. On the 3rd September 2009, Bubblegum Records was sold to K-tel for an undisclosed sum (rumoured to have made Mr Smiles a millionaire).

In his first interview since the sale of Bubblegum Records (now known as Analsex Records), Mr Smiles noted that he had no regrets. Gesturing to his yacht moored just outside Derwentwater Marina, he gushed *"I feel like I have just given birth to the most beautiful child in the world. It's perfect. It's a dream come true"*.

STOP PRESS • STOP PRESS • STOP PRESS
Bubblegum Records was sold for £132.76p (a quantity of envelopes found in what was the Bubblegum Records office, netted an additional £4.78p.

HYPERBUBBLE DOUBLE HOMICIDE ARREST

*"Phasers **were** on stun"* protest Texan pair

Keen-as-mustard cub reporter **Alicia Bustington** in Synth City, Texas

Pop act, Hyperbubble are used to thrilling audiences with their snappy brand of high-energy synth-pop.

Indeed they've played a host of venues here in the US and abroad. But now the duo may find themselves contemplating bars of a different kind. The band's Jess and Jeff were last night taken into custody after an alleged double homicide at their home in Synth City, Texas.

The Godzilla-loving two-piece were the subject of SCPD attention after neighbors reported ray gun blasts round midnight. It seems the pair had invited two as-yet-unnamed friends to their apartment for a game of

'HyperStun', the whacky hi-tec paintball-style pastime involving the use of domestic ray guns. At midnight (CST) two whoosing sounds were rapidly followed first by silence, then by a symphony of police sirens.

Synth City detectives are said to be giving credence to the theory that Hyperbubble were shooting with imported – and illegal in the US – Japanese guns, capable of firing lethal rays. The guns, RT131s, can be disabled with a simple switch which temporarily – and harmlessly - stuns any victim. Experienced HyperStun enthusiasts – and Hyperbubble are included in that number – would know of this feature.

3AM: Hyperbubble's Jess, on being transported to her own cell, was heard to shout "they were on stun" to an assembled media crowd gathered outside the SCPD's lock-up facility.

You, the Judge.

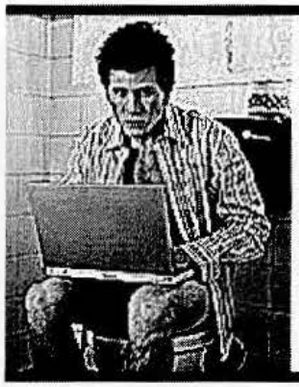
Are Hyperbubble **GUILTY** of a stunning double homicide? Send us your verdict by smoke signal.

ONE PUFF - Guilty
TWO PUFFS - Not Guilty
THREE PUFFS - Only **JEFF** is guilty
FOUR PUFFS - Only **JESS** is guilty

If you make a mistake send five puffs - then resume after a minute.

POP ON SHOPPING LIST FOR SAINSBURY.

High Street giant in *supermarket swoop* for Tesco Chainstore Mascara.



Business Affairs Editor,
Derek Creosote
is typing on his laptop

TCM 'delighted'

Staffordshire popsters, Tesco Chainstore Mascara have been the subject of a flattering bid from Tesco's rival retail chain, JS Sainsbury.

The *bargaining* happened late last night and follows previous, failed, attempts by Somerfield and Waitrose to woo double act Katie and David from the Tesco name.

Sainsbury's decided to *check-out* the pair after hearing songs like 'Just the weight you are' and 'Job is a 4 letter word'.

But a band spokeswoman was sceptical about the proposed move, and appears to think Sainsbury's are *off their trolley.*

"It's a non-starter. Our name's a pretty obvious riff on the title of the film 'Texas Chainsaw Massacre'. 'Waitrose Chainstore Mascara', or 'Morrisson's Chainstore Macsara' wouldn't, therefore, really work."

When asked about the possibility of the band forming an offshoot project to satisfy Sainsbury's, our source said "That's just silly" then made a fed-up sound.

Tesc - over to you!

Because we want you to think your view matters to us!

Imagine Tesco Chainstore Mascara were for sale. What would YOU pay to put them in YOUR basket?

Dial **1-800 H-E-R-E-'-S-W-H-A-T-I-'-D-P-A-Y-I-F-T-E-S-C-O-C- H-A-I-N-S-T-O-R-E-M-A-S-C-A-R-A-W-E-R-E-F-O-R-S-A-L-E-I-N-M-Y-L-O-C-A-L-S-U-P-E-R-M-A-R-K-E-T** and choose an option:

1: I'd pay up to £7 for the band
2: I'd pay between £7 - £11
3: I would buy the band, but only as part of a 2-for-1 deal
4: I would buy the band, clone them, then return to the shop for a refund or credit note

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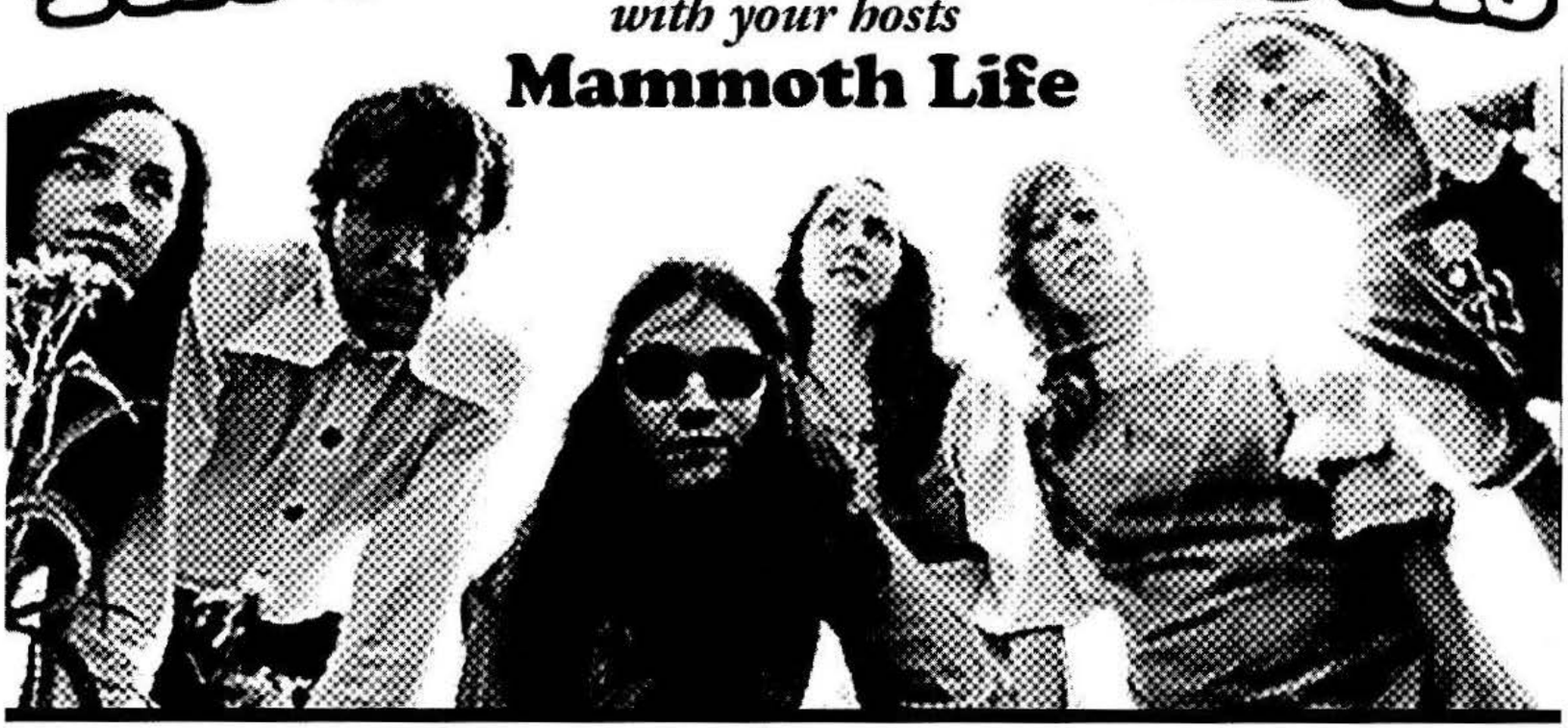


Mammoths were elephant-like creatures who lived in the last Ice Age.

As you can imagine, that was a cold place to be, so mammoths adapted to the freezing temperatures with a dense coat that kept the chill out.

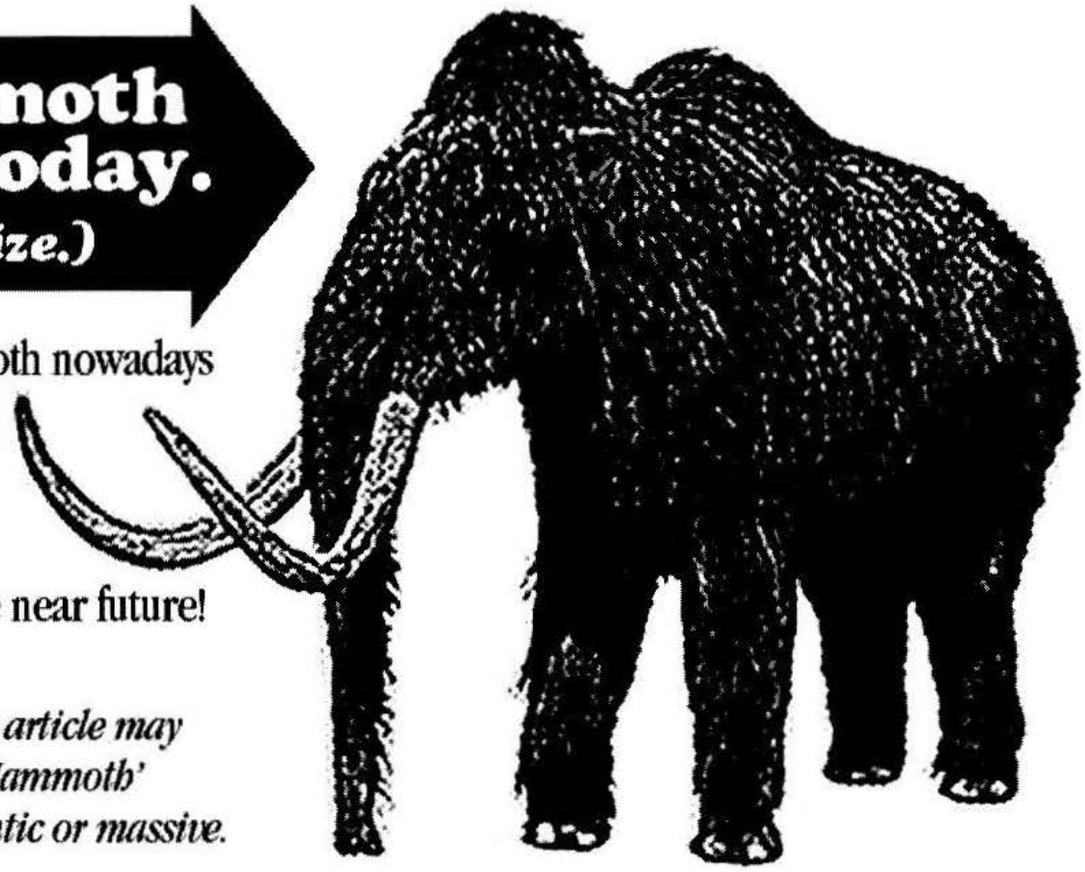
Of course a mammoth's coat wasn't like the coats you and I are used to! A mammoth's coat was made up of dense hair – and you didn't buy it in Gap!

Mammoths had large tusks – a bit like the elephants we might see today – either on the news in a report about worthless scum bastards who deal in the illegal trade in ivory, or maybe locked up in a zoo, or when made to perform stupid tricks for morons who attend circuses. A mammoth's tusks were actually large incisor teeth! They were used to find food buried in the snow – and even in mating. Ouch!

Of course they're not like the teeth you and I are used to! Just imagine the size of toothbrush a mammoth would need!

How a mammoth might look today.

(Not shown actual size.)



You're not likely to see a mammoth nowadays – that's because they've been extinct for some 9000 years.

Who knows - perhaps the same will be written of elephants in the near future!

Editor's Note:
Any opinions expressed within this article may or may not be those of the band. 'Mammoth' is a word also meaning huge, gigantic or massive.

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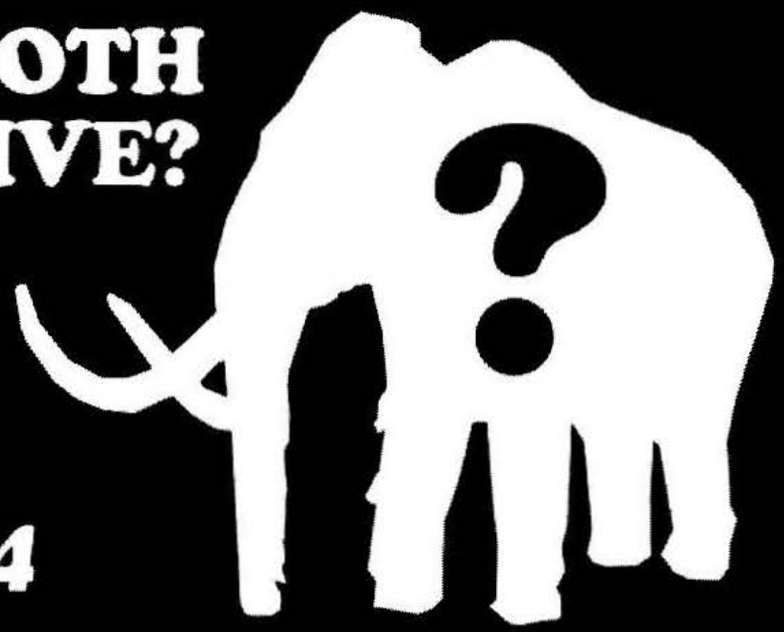
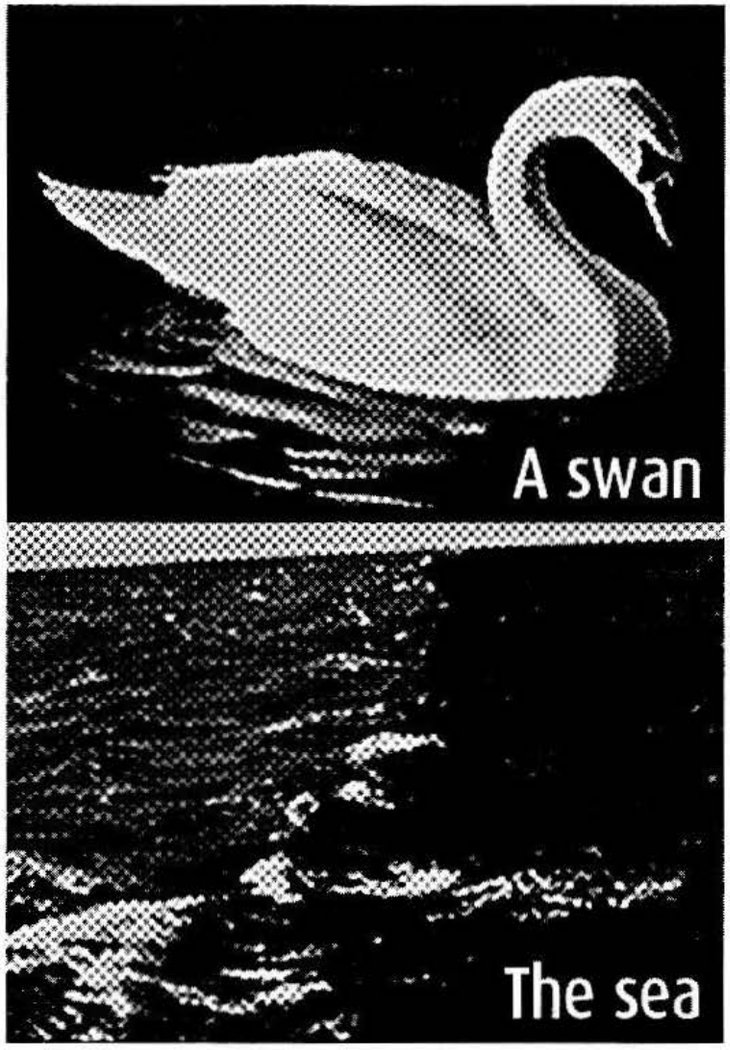


PLAY A GIG IN *SWANSEA*? DON'T BE *SILLY*!

Bubblegum star in serious bother after song offends entire city

I Love Wales Editor **Daniel Codeine** is writing this one



SILLY BOY BLUE, the Valencia-based singer and songwriter has been the subject of a banning order—from music chiefs in Swansea.

The move follows the online appearance of the artist's song 'Ugly Town' - thought to be about the city on Wales' south coast. Head of Performing Arts for the city council, Erica Blostingham was mucking about on the internet last Wednesday when she happened upon the song whose title paraphrases Swansea son Dylan Thomas' proclamation that the city was 'an ugly, lovely town'.

The story becomes less of a non-event when it's revealed that Blue spent years in Swansea, studying at the city's university.

"If this Silly Boy Blue thinks he'll ever play a gig in our city he can think again" shrilled Blostingham, whose interest include yoga, topiary and beachcombing. "He really IS a silly boy, because he's now banned from performing in Swansea—as well as in selected surrounding areas including Brynmill; St Thomas; Bonymaen; Townhill and Cockett" reported the blonde single mum (34). "I've written him a letter saying as much. I just need to post it."

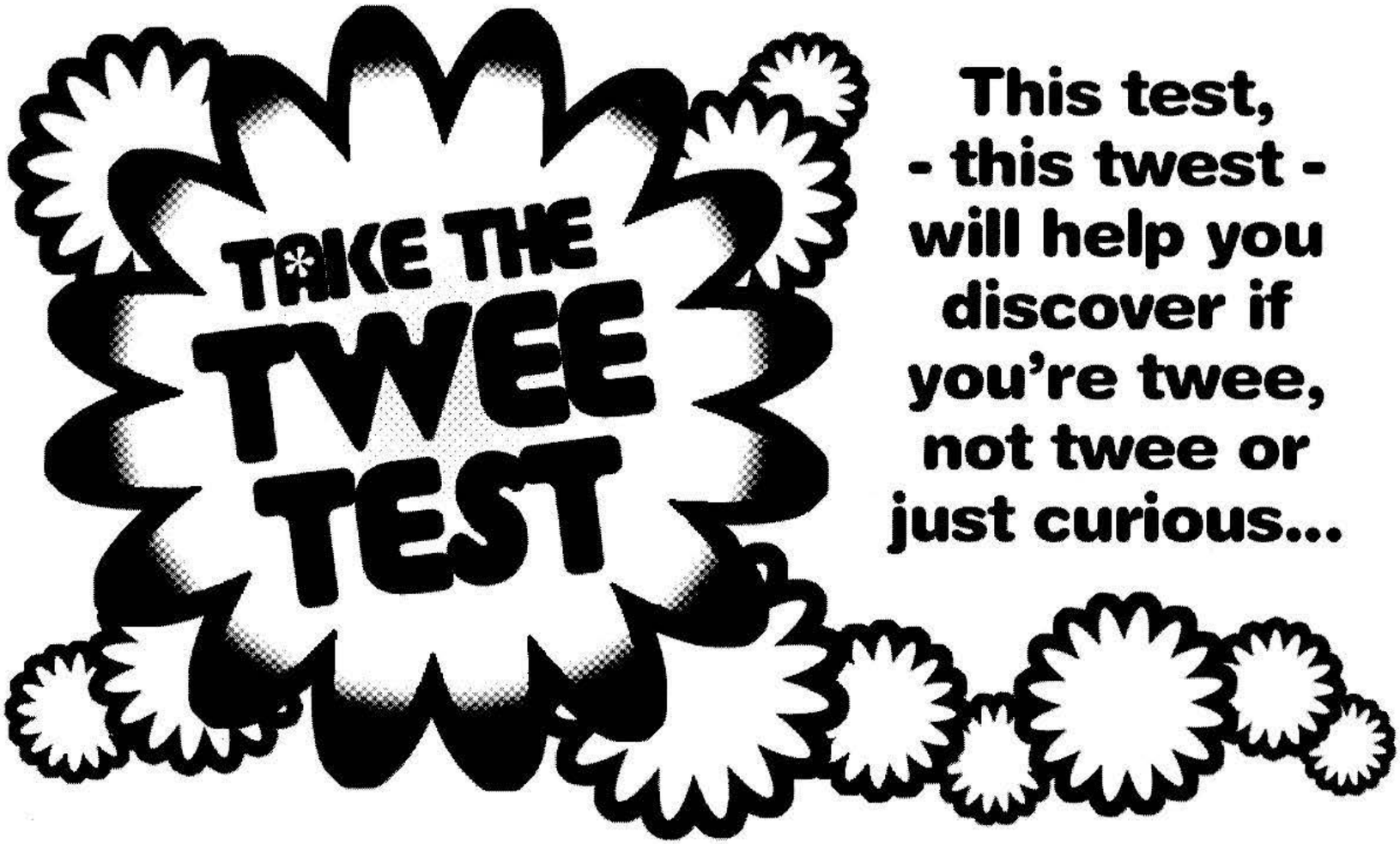
YOU'RE NOT SINGING ANY MORE...

Silly Boy Blue's Swansea and selected surrounding areas ban means he misses out on the chance to engage with a city that knows exactly how to rock. Just look at some of these famous Swansea superstars:

Pint-sized talent show novelty popster Shaheen *"I love you, Jack Michaelson"* Jafargholi

Actress or female actor, Catherine *"I love you Michael Douglas"* Zeta Jones

Former MP Michael *"I love you, Michael Heseltine former MP"* Heseltine, former MP



This test, - this twest - will help you discover if you're twee, not twee or just curious...

CLOUDS ARE...

A Visible masses of droplets or frozen crystals floating in the atmosphere above the surface of the Earth

B Big fluffy blobs of candyfloss that birds eat at parties in the sky

YOU HAVE A CAT. HER NAME IS...

A Tiddles the cat

B Alice Wendy Sunnyday-Sherbetton the cat

LITTLE GIRLS ARE MADE FROM...

A Water, chemicals and fat

B Sugar and spice and all things nice

YOU KEEP YOUR MONEY IN...

A Your pocket

B A 99p shiny, vinyl ladybird-shaped purse you stole from your little sister

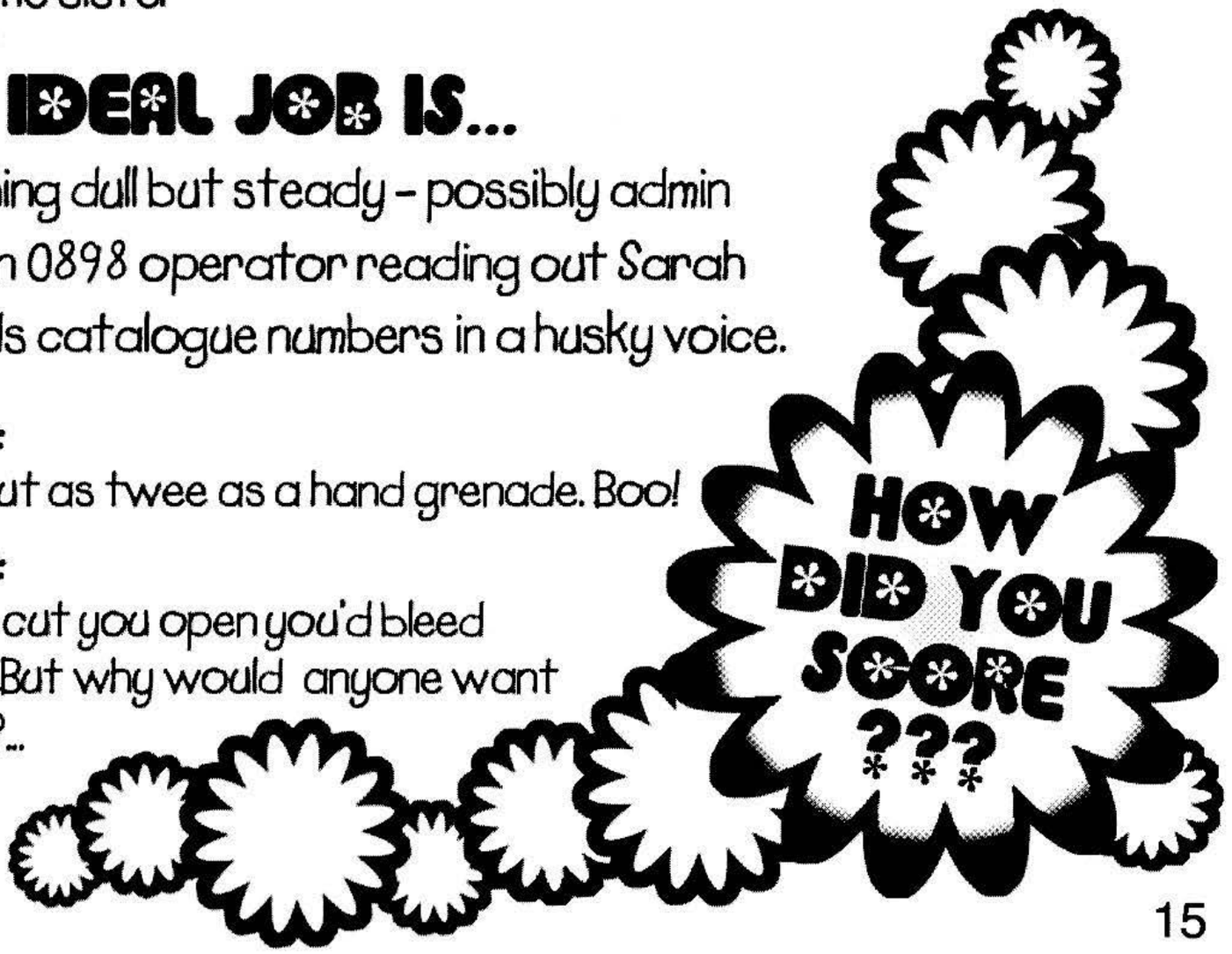
YOUR IDEAL JOB IS...

A Something dull but steady - possibly admin

B Being an 0898 operator reading out Sarah Records catalogue numbers in a husky voice.

Mostly As:
You're about as twee as a hand grenade. Boo!

Mostly Bs:
If someone cut you open you'd bleed cherryade. But why would anyone want to do that?...



NOSTALGIC TV FANS BOOST SALES FOR STARSHY

Cop/pop confusion top news for band.

Helen Rendition
IS writing from Bay City CA.

A case of mistaken identity...
Starsky *(left)* & Hutch *(right)* with Huggy Bear *(centre)*

Starshy, the Glasgow-based one-man pop project, received an unexpected boost in interest thanks to a short-sighted slip up by an overexcited TV fan.

Jack Yambor from Palm River, Arizona was delighted to discover what he thought was a record by Paul Michael Glaser, TV's Starsky, from the popular 1970's cop drama Starsky & Hutch. But glasses-wearer Yambor (53) had simply misread the band's actual title amid the racks at Palm River Records.

It was a week before the slip-up was noticed – too late to stop the snowballing interest generated by Yambor in Glaser fan rooms, internet sites and blogs across the world wide web.

"It was an easy mistake to make" one fan commented yesterday. "After all, David Soul, who played Hutch, had a pretty successful singing career in the mid 70s, including the single 'Don't give up on us', which topped the charts both here in the US, and in England."

HELP US UNEARTH THE TRUTH BEHIND THE COP POP CODE

The Starshy/Starsky mix up could be dismissed as a simple mistake – an oversight by one excited TV cop show fan. Until of course you learn that this isn't the only curious pop connection to haunt Starsky & Hutch.

1993 Riot Grrrl band Huggy Bear dance, sing and swear on live TV – despite being asked to stop. Huggy Bear was, of course, a character from Starsky & Hutch.

2002 Cinerama release the LP Torino. Sounds innocent but which car did the detective duo drive? A Ford Gran Torino.

Beyond coincidence... This proves that something sinister is connecting the show with indie bands. A barely visible thread of intrigue is weaving through the decades. But what are Glaser and Soul up to? **Whatever it is – let's stop it and have them jailed.**

Listen to... your Elders

Let the voice of experience resolve your dilemmas.

Dear Your Elders...

With global warming, terrorism and ecomomic collapse I don't feel secure anymore. Am I right to be concerned about the current situation?

Tiffany, Bolton

Your Elders reply:

Well, I don't know much about that, but in my day a job was a job for life. The problem is simple. You were born in the wrong era. Fret not, there is a solution. Check the small ads for anyone selling a Delorean sports car – but ensure the flux capacitor is in good working order and the engine's capable of reaching at least 88 miles per hour. Let the good times roll!

Dear Your Elders...

I'm mortgaged up to my eyeballs, my credit cards are maxed out and everything I own is bought on tick. I am well and truly credit crunched. Help!

Gavin, Staines

Your Elders reply:

Money is a worry for everyone in these hard times. Consolidate your debt, set yourself a realistic budget and, perhaps, move back in with your parents. Whilst there, consider opening a high-class house of ill-repute. Simply find an attractive, well-educated escort with equally attractive friends and you're dancing - in your shirt and socks!

Dear Your Elders...

I'm in love with a boy from 'the other side of the tracks'. He says he loves me but we come from different worlds. His family is so rich, I feel ashamed of where I'm from. Plus, I risk losing my childhood best friend who thinks I'm betraying my roots. Can you help?

Barbara, Wolverhampton

Your Elders reply:

True love never runs easy! But it is a powerful and wondeful thing. There is no reason to feel ashamed. If this boy truly loves you, he loves you for who you are. The same holds true for your best friend - in the end, he will only want to see you happy. I'm sure that - oh, bollocks, just watch 'Pretty In Pink'...

Could you benefit from the wise words of wisdom of your elders?

***Text your problem in morse code using '.'s and '–'s to**

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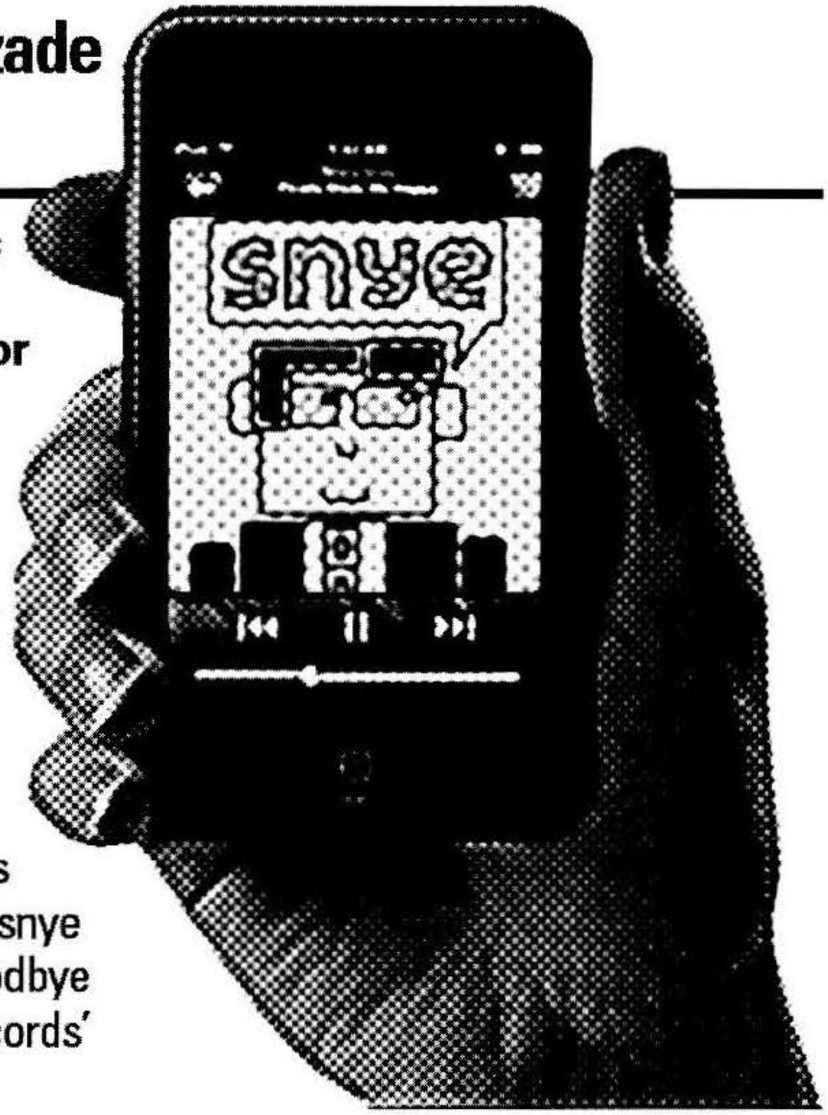
***Alternatively, read the plots of 1980's teen movies on IMDB for yourself.**

APPLE HONOR BUBBLEGUM RECORDS ARTIST

Chief Tech writer **Darren Lucozade** risks legal action.



snye, the Israel-based one-man music project has grabbed the attention of tech giants Apple who are set to honor the Indietronica outfit with its very own music player.

The 'snyePod' is based around Apple's enormously successful iPod and will hit the shops in time for Christmas.

The gadget uses the same groundbreaking iPod technology, but with one significant difference. Whereas Apple pride themselves on the iPod's ability to play thousands of songs by a host of artists, the new snyePod will play snye songs—and snye songs only—including 'Goodbye Polar Boy', which features on Bubblegum Records' 'Pop! Vol 1' EP.

"We were really impressed with snye when we heard them on mySpace" said Apple's Veronica Tubbleston, prior to her dismissal "The snyePod seemed a great way to increase snye's profile and bring the music to a wider audience."

Critics have complained that the player offers listeners little variety, but Tubbleston refutes the claim "To paraphrase Henry Ford—you can have any song, so long as it's snye."

SOMEONE CALL US. PLEASE.

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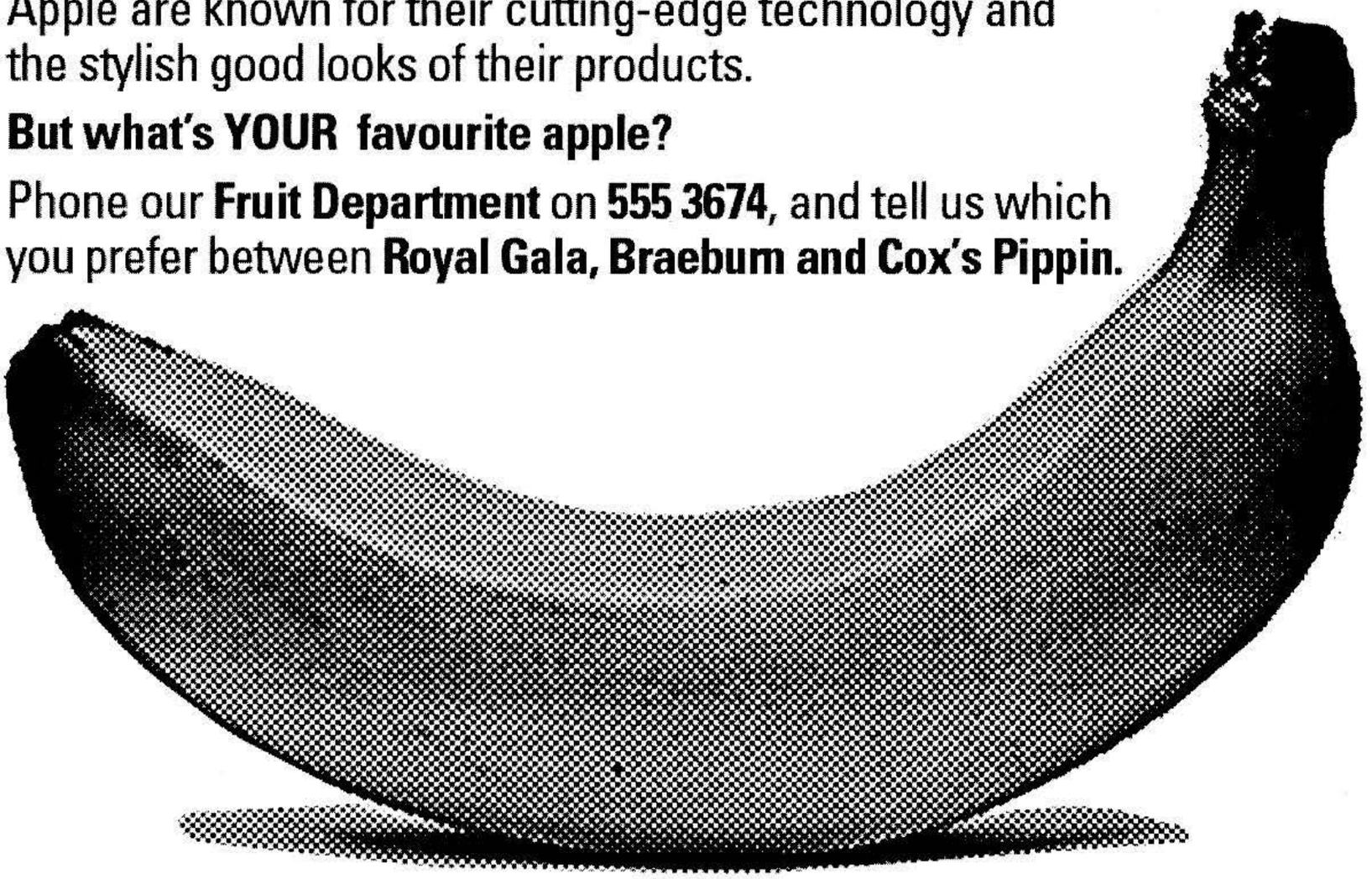


Electric Needle Room's 2,342nd best band in the world claim to be challenged.

Report by **Alan Threatening,** our man in **Omaha, Nebraska.**

Electric Needle Room: Just how pop-ular?

OMAHA NE. Nebraska's Electric Needle Room are today at the center of a pop controversy regarding the group's online claim to be among the world's best 2,342 bands.

Industry governing authority and regulator, PopWatch served the Omaha band with notice of a Class 3 Action which will see the statistic investigated by what an insider has called "a thoroughly comprehensive audit."

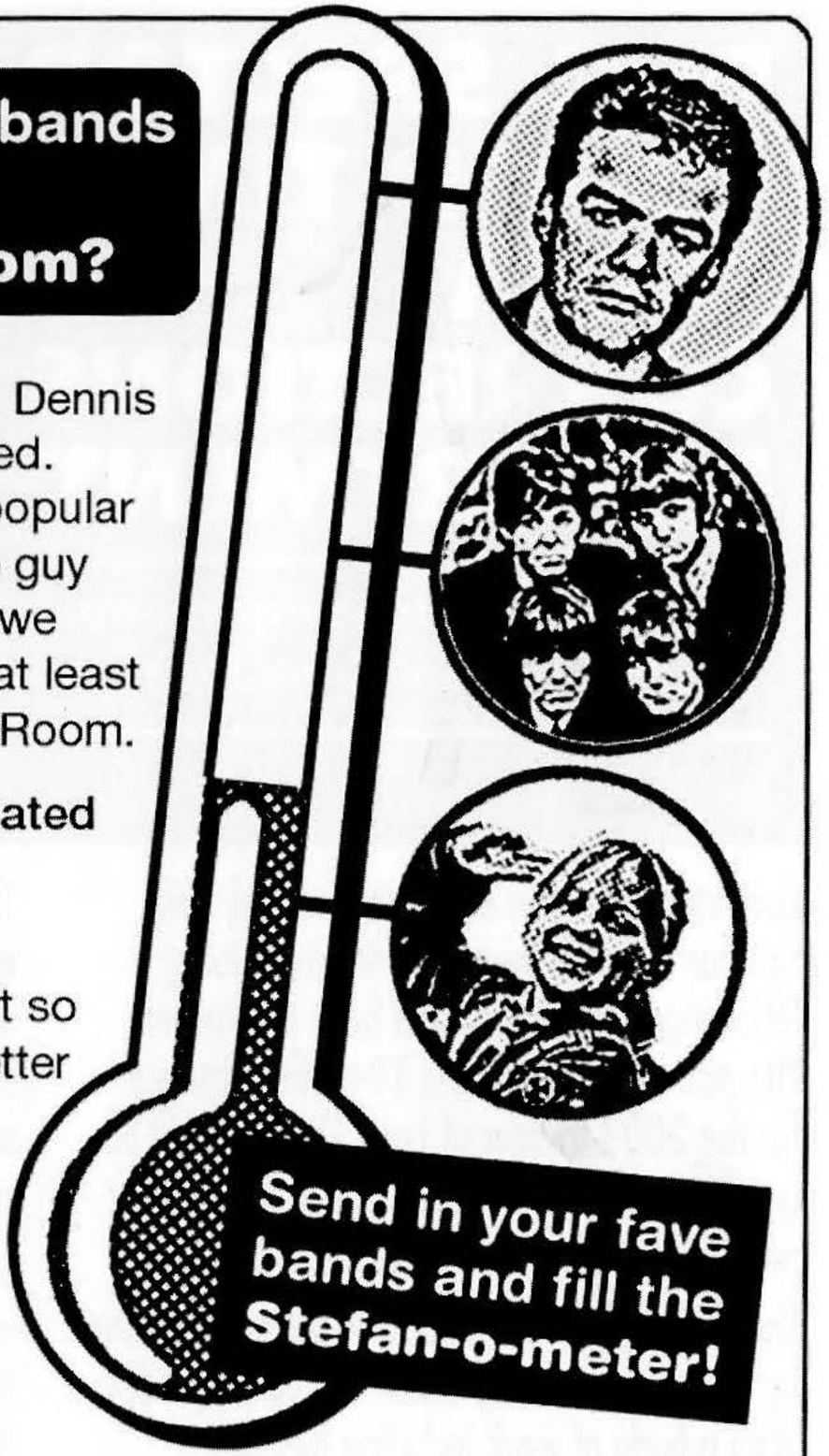
A spokeswoman for the rock group, whose songs include 'Midwestern City'; 'Here's what I have to say about tomatoes' and, perhaps ironically, 'Mediocre bands', admitted surprise at the move, but was confident the claim would stand up to investigation. "We welcome the audit, and we actually believe it will reveal Electric Needle Room are in fact even better than we claim. We think it's entirely possible we are among the best 2,341 bands. Maybe higher."

Can you name 2,342 bands that are better than Electric Needle Room?

Perhaps you're a fan of Stefan Dennis and feel he's unfairly overlooked. Maybe you enjoy listening to popular The Beatles. Even if you're the guy who's into Scouting For Girls, we want to hear who you think is at least '1 better' than Electric Needle Room.

Send the name of your nominated band to Bubblegum Records, PO Box 12, the UK.

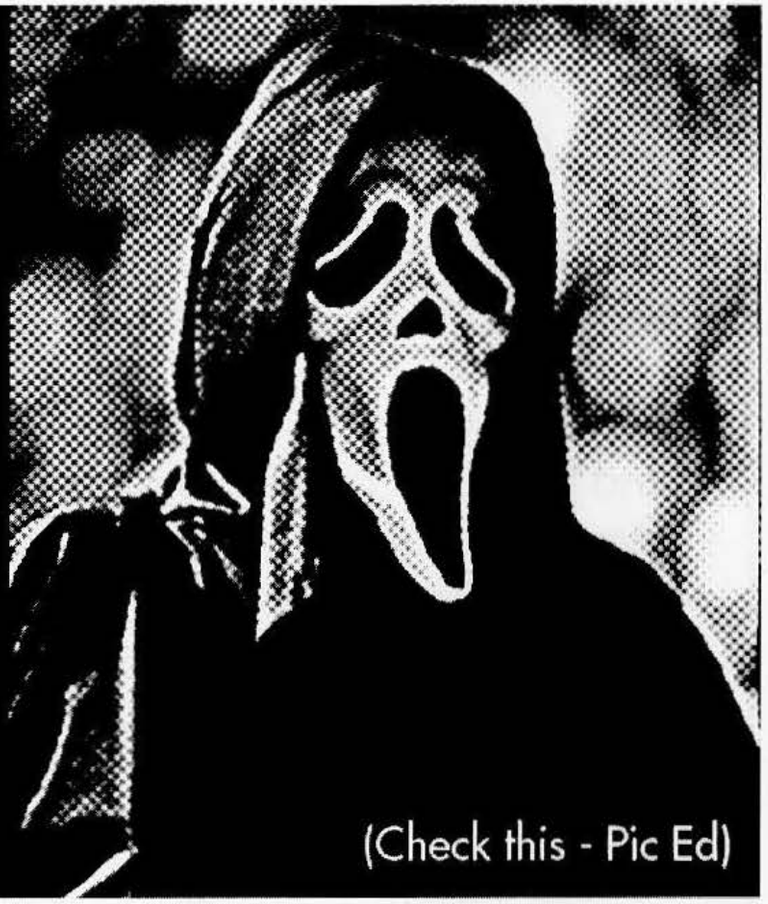
We'll compile a top 2,342 chart so you can see just how much better than Electric Needle Room your favourite group are. Please mark your envelope **'Here's my pick for a band that are better than Electric Needle Room'.**



PHIL SPECTOR 'OWED TIME' FROM CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

'Negative sentencing' means 'wall of prison' is no hurdle.

By Cassandra Subtlety in LA, LA, LA



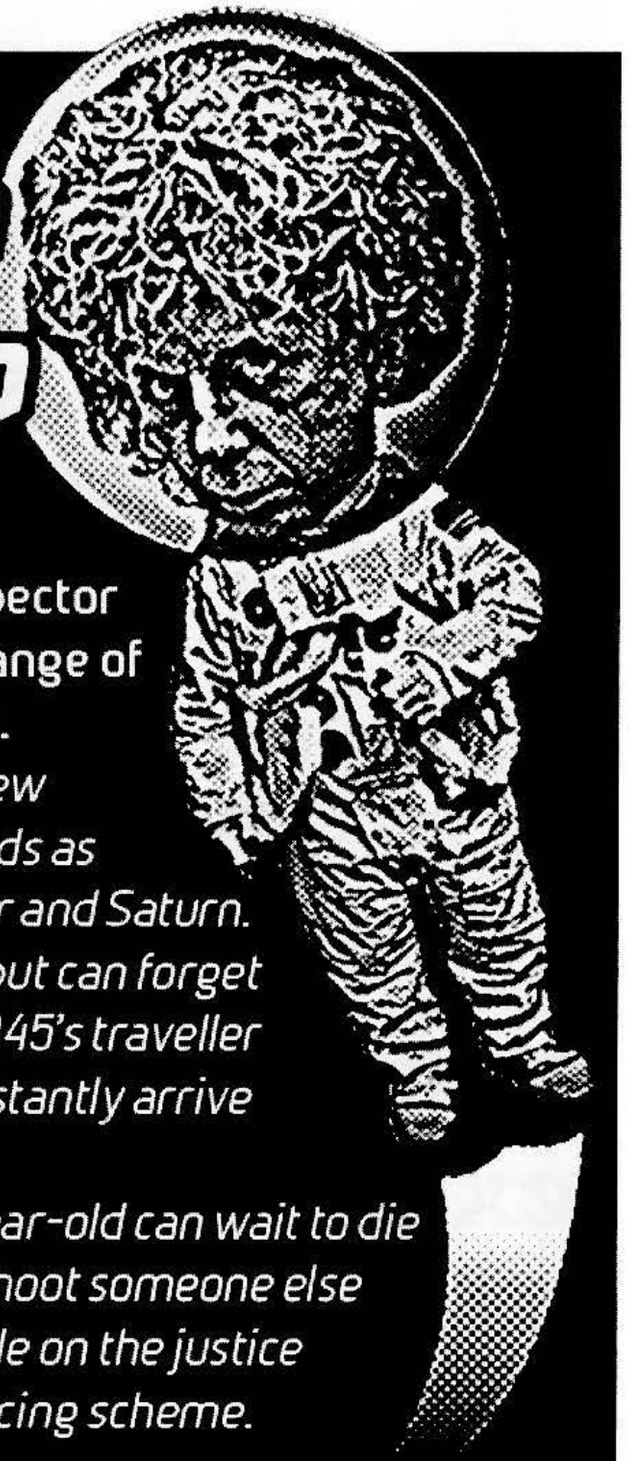
(Check this - Pic Ed)

Convicted murderer and record mogul Phil Spector will be released from prison today following a cunning appeal from his lawyer. The potty pop producer's 19-to-life sentence for the 2003 murder of Lana Clarkson will be quashed and Spector will actually be owed time from US justice authorities.

The cooky plan sees Spector's sentence reduced by one year for every classic record he produced. With a body of work including hits by The Ronettes and The Crystals Spector (69) will leave jail 45 years to the good – time which will be added to his life, meaning Spector can look forward to living until at least the age of 114.

The whacky scheme, known as Negative Sentencing was controversially passed last year with support from lobbying rock stars including the late Michael Jackson, Gary Glitter, and Britain's own Jimmy Saville.

WHAT WILL PHIL SPECTOR LIVE TO SEE?



Thanks to Negative Sentencing, Spector can look forward to witnessing a range of advances in pop music and science.

2039 *The 99-year-old Spector will find a new audience for his Wall Of Sound records as HMV opens branches on Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.*

2045 *Now Phil's 105. He fancies a holiday, but can forget about check-in queues and delays. 2045's traveller need only imagine a destination to instantly arrive there – luggage and all.*

2054 *Depending on Phil's mood, the 114 year-old can wait to die of natural causes – or he can simply shoot someone else in the grounds of his home and gamble on the justice afforded him by the Negative Sentencing scheme.*

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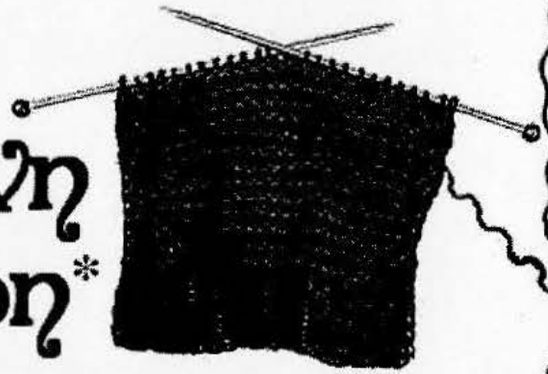

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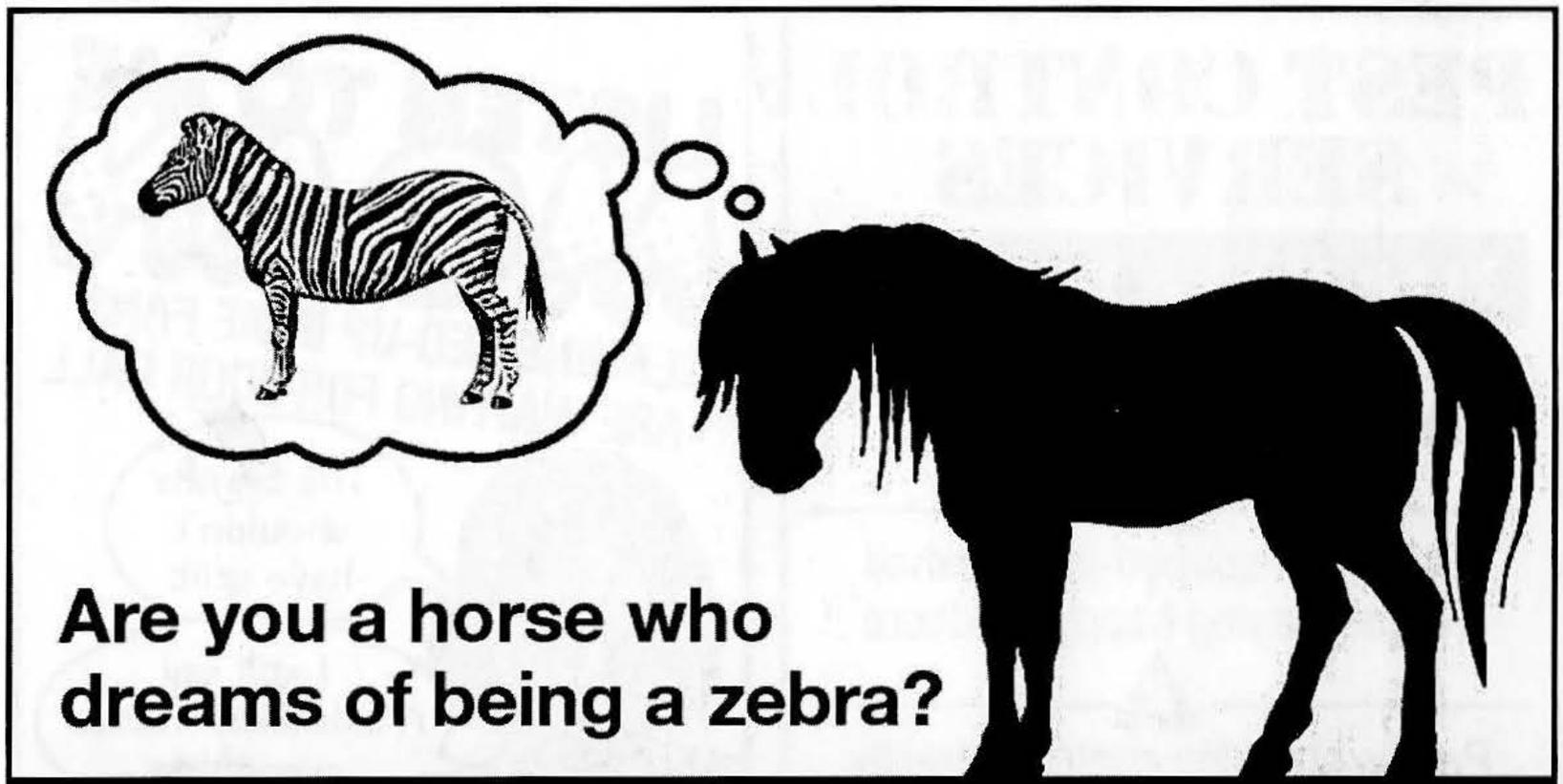

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